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## AN OPEN LETTER

April 24, 2013

Alex Triantafilou  
Chairman  
The Hamilton County Republican Party  
700 Walnut Street  
Suite 309  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Alex:

I know that politics can be a rough and tumble endeavor and that from time to time you and I both engage in hyperbole.

But I cannot help to note a disturbing pattern that has developed with the repetitious Republican Party attacks on black woman as incompetent.

It began and has continued with the repeated attacks on Judge Tracey Hunter. Ralph "Ted" Winkler carried it further when he attacked Janaya Trotter as "incompetent," even though Ms. Trotter went on to successfully defend Judge Hunter and recover fees from Hamilton County for those successful efforts.

Finally, your comment in this morning's *Enquirer* calling Pam Thomas incompetent was another unfortunate choice of words. Pam is a respected member of this community in her own right and a skilled public administrator.

Is it any wonder that your party continues to struggle in its efforts to communicate with and respond to the need of the African American community, other minority groups and women in general?

Sincerely,

Tim Burke

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